

G. O. P. SENATORS ACT TO CURB SENIORITY

Conference Adopts the Lenroot Changes to Eliminate Evils in Present Rules.

MEETING IS HARMONIOUS

Lodge Refuses to Accept McCumber's Sacrifice in His Interest.

Special Dispatch to THE SUN.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The Republican conference of the Senate adopted today the recommendations of the Lenroot committee designed to eliminate evils of application of the seniority rule in committee assignments. The conference was harmonious to the last degree, even Senator Borah (Idaho) admitting to friends after the adoption of the rule that it was entirely satisfactory "so far as it went."

The text of the new rule of organization follows:

Text of Changes in Rule.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that Rule XXV of the standing rules of the Senate be amended by adding thereto a new paragraph as follows:

"III. After March, 1919, no Senator shall be a member of more than two of the following committees of the Senate, viz: Appropriations, Agriculture and Forestry, Commerce, Finance, Foreign Relations, Interstate Commerce, Judiciary, Military Affairs, Naval Affairs, Post Office and Post Roads. No Senator being chairman of either of the foregoing committees shall be appointed on a conference committee upon any bill reported by either of the said standing committees unless it is reported by the committee of which he is chairman; and he shall not be further."

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that no chairman of any committee named in the foregoing proposed amendment of the rules who may be a ranking member of any committee other than those named in said amendment be appointed on a conference committee upon any bill reported by the committee of which he is such ranking member unless the majority members of such committee shall upon specific bills so recommend.

Membership is Curtailed.

The second proviso adopted by the conference provided for the reduction of the maximum membership of all Senate committees to seventeen. Under the present organization of the Senate several major committees have twenty members. The new rule will provide for twenty-eight seats for Republicans and seventy-two for Democrats on the ten major committees.

In the conference deliberations Senator McCumber (N. D.) suggested that an exception to the rule providing that chairmen of committees who also are ranking members of other committees shall not serve as conference managers should be made in the instance of the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations. This suggestion was made in compliment to Senator Lodge, who will be ranking member of the Finance Committee as well as chairman of Foreign Relations, and whom Senator McCumber was unwilling to see dispossessed of his privilege of sitting in conference on revenue measures.

The exception would have eliminated Senator McCumber from the privilege of sitting on revenue conference, as he ranks next to Mr. Lodge. The Republican leader thanked Mr. McCumber for the sacrifice which the proposed exception entailed and declined to accept it. The rule was then ratified.

Typhoid Now Ravaging Russia.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 8.—An epidemic of typhoid fever is ravaging Petrograd, Moscow and other places in Russia, according to despatches from Petrograd. In one hospital in Petrograd twelve doctors and forty nurses have died from typhoid.

BROOKLYN GREETERS SEEK ENLISTMENTS

Delaney Issues Call to Seven Left of Celebration Committee of 25.

WILL MEET TO-MORROW

Jonas Gets More Congratulations for His Attitude in Controversy.

Representative John J. Delaney, chairman of the executive committee of the Brooklyn Victory Celebration Committee, has issued a call for a meeting to-morrow morning of what is left of that body. This will be the first meeting of the executive committee since Borough President Riegelmann appointed him as its head after forcing Nathan S. Jones out of the chairmanship. With the resignation of Frank J. Heine, the architect, yesterday only seven of the original twenty-five members remain.

One of the first things to be done to-morrow in order that there may be a real organization will be the filling up of the gaps by appointments.

"I have received letters from many prominent people tendering me their support and offering to contribute to the celebration and memorial fund," Mr. Delaney said. "We expect to get things straightened out immediately and conduct the business of the committee in such way as to give satisfaction to the public."

Asked About Contributions.

"Has any decision been made as to what will be done with the money contributed by and collected through the efforts of the former executive committee members?" Mr. Delaney was asked.

"I can't discuss that or any similar questions at this time," he answered. "These matters will be threshed out at Monday's meeting."

Friends and supporters of Mr. Jones who contributed to the committee when he was its leading spirit are demanding that the Brooklyn Victory celebration committee shall turn back these donations. It was reported yesterday that if the men now running things attempt to hold back the money the courts will be asked to tie up the fund unless guarantees are given that the money is expended as originally planned.

Citizens Back Jones's Stand.

E. C. DeLafield, president of the Franklin Trust Company, wrote: "You have the satisfaction in feeling that the people of Brooklyn are standing behind you and that your actions will not be misunderstood." George H. Oplike wrote: "I am sure a large majority of citizens would acclaim you as a leader in such a movement to rid our community of this public nuisance and menace and, at the same time, serve as a warning to others of the Hearst strike."

ARMY BILL IS DRAFTED.

\$800,000,000 for Force of 500,000—No Reorganization.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Work on the army appropriation bill for the year beginning July 1, 1919, has been completed by the House Military Committee, and Chairman Dent expects to present it formally to the House Monday. It carries an appropriation of approximately \$800,000,000 for the maintenance of an army of about 500,000 men, but includes no provisions for reorganization.

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(Third Floor)

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The Dress Goods Department

is of noteworthy interest with its numerous examples of the weaver's art in these latter days, the fabrics now on display running the gamut of color as well as adhering to the white-and-black effects which always stand out conspicuously even in a color season.

The assortments comprise handsomely embroidered wool duvetyn, silk-and-wool poplins and serges; plain tricelines, Poiret twills, English chevots, wool jersey and chanelette.

A newer fabric—la jerez luisante, which suggests the richness and sheen of silk and is yet singularly durable, is one of the more important materials, and is certainly one of the most interesting.

A Special Offering in Children's Frocks

(a quaintly individual model)

will be a feature to-morrow (Monday) in the Department on the Second Floor.

This model (sizes 6 to 10 years) is fashioned of chambrette, in lavender, gold, green or pink, has a touch of hand embroidery in a contrasting color, and is marked at the extremely low price of

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This Sale will take place on the First Floor,

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A Collection of Paris Hats

indicating in charming fashion the drift of the more noted modistes of La Belle France in regard to millinery creations for the Spring, is now ready for selection in the Department on the Third Floor.

An Entirely New Group of Fashionable Hats

made especially for this occasion, will be on sale to-morrow (Monday) at \$17.50

These models are more than smart in the usual acceptance of the word, for, while revealing the latest tendencies in contour which, by the way, savors decidedly of youthful lines, are eminently suited for practical wear, and represent very unusual values at the price quoted.

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(hand-made)

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in unusual designs, are on sale at large concessions from regular prices.

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